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DIARY NOTES

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6 May 1965

1. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning:

a. I reported that we had improved our communications service to the White House. We have reduced the average transmission time of situation reports from seventeen and one-half minutes to nine and one-half minutes.

b. I also reported on a very special and useful service which was rendered to Ambassador Adlai Stevenson in New York City yesterday. The Ambassador was involved in a telephone hookup with the WH war-room, which transmitted his questions immediately to [REDACTED] and relayed the answers back to the Ambassador in a matter of minutes.

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2. I talked with [REDACTED] about putting a telephone with an Agency extension and a White House telephone in the Admiral's quarters at the Naval Observatory. Walt said that he would take care of this. (I checked on this on Monday, 10 May, and found that nothing had been done. I told [REDACTED] in Walt's absence to see that this was done immediately. Later in the day I checked with [REDACTED], who told me that the telephones were being installed that afternoon.)

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3. Matt Baird telephoned about the following items:

[REDACTED]

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b. Matt wanted to write a letter to General Carter's daughter Mary, telling her that we need her as a summer employee and asking her to reconsider her letter of withdrawal. I disapproved of this idea.

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5. [REDACTED] advised me that Senator Robert Kennedy's office had queried us about our attitude toward the construction of a swimming pool by the National Amateur Aquatic Foundation, Inc., on the Bureau of Public Roads property. I later learned from [REDACTED] of OGC that this pool would be of Olympic standards in a large air-conditioned building with spectator seats for some 2,000 people. It might also encompass bridle paths and, in general, would develop this land into a public recreation area. I told them that I thought we could not comment on this project until we had seen their plans. (In this connection, we arranged for representatives of the Offices of Security and Logistics to attend a meeting on 7 May in the gymnasium of St. Alban's School to discuss these plans. I saw their report, and it appears that their plans are very, very general. In fact, it is not even definite that they will use the Bureau of Public Roads property. I shall brief the Director on this. However, I think our attitude should be that, while we see no objection to the construction of such a facility provided it is not too close to our boundary fence, we shall have to reserve final comment until we see the specific plans.)

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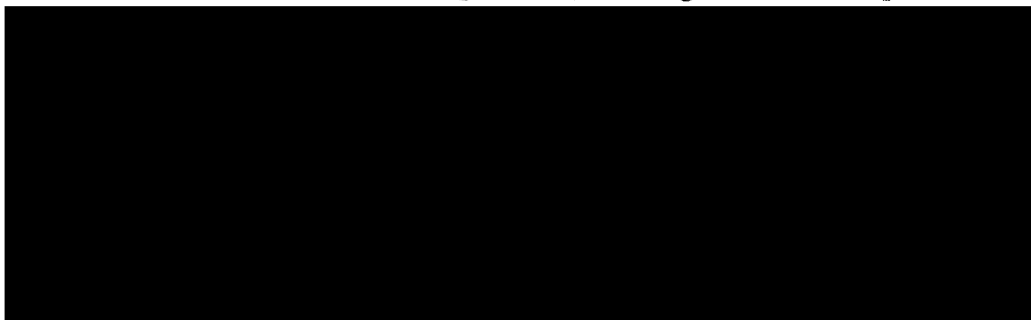
6. I lunched with Admiral Raborn, W. C. Miller of the W. C. and A. N. Miller Development Company, and [REDACTED]. The Admiral seems to think that Mr. Miller will give him a special deal to induce him to live in his community. While Mr. Miller was very pleasant, he made no such overtures. After the luncheon Mr. Miller told me that his firm would indeed try to make the Admiral a good offer, but he did not appear overly enthusiastic. It seemed to me that he thought the Admiral should rent a house, especially if he would not be here for a long, assured tour of duty.

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7. I talked with Matt Baird about the following items:

a. I advised Matt that I had committed him to take [REDACTED] back into the Office of Training at his present grade. Matt squirmed

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